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NEW QUESTION 1

A technician receives an invalid certificate error when visiting a website with port 443 enabled. Other computers on the same LAN do not exhibit this symptom. Which of the following needs to be adjusted on the workstation to fix the issue?

- A. Date and time
- B. UEFI boot mode
- C. Logon times
- D. User access control

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 2

A SOHO technician recently moved some data from one server to another to increase storage capacity. Several users are now reporting they cannot access certain shares on the network. When the users attempt to access the shares, they get the following error: Access Denied. The technician confirms the users are all in the proper security groups and have the proper access, but they are still unable to access the shares. Which of the following are the MOST likely reasons for these issues? (Select two.)

- A. Administrative share permissions
- B. Mapped drives
- C. Group Policy hours restriction
- D. Denied write/delete permissions
- E. Disabled proxy settings

Answer: BD

NEW QUESTION 3

Which of the following is the maximum RAM limit of a Windows 32-bit version?

- A. no limit
- B. 4GB
- C. 8GB
- D. 32GB

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 4

A company has hired a new IT firm to manage its network switches and routers.

The firm is geographically separated from the company and will need to be able to securely access the devices. Which of the following will provide the ability to access these devices?

- A. Telnet
- B. SSH
- C. RDP
- D. VNC

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 5

An employee contacts the help desk because the battery in a company-provided smartphone lasts only a short period of time when the worker is in the office.

Which of the following would MOST likely reduce this symptom? (Select TWO).

- A. Close applications when tasks are completed.
- B. Increase the time to dim the screen automatically.
- C. Increase the frequency for syncing corporate email.
- D. Set the smartphone display to maximum brightness.
- E. Connect to the office WiFi network automatically.
- F. Disable 802.11ac and use mobile data exclusively.

Answer: AE

NEW QUESTION 6

A user who is running Windows XP calls a technician to upgrade the computer to a newer Windows OS. The user states the computer has only 1GB of RAM and 16GB of hard drive space with a 1,7GHz processor.

Which of the following OSs should the technician recommend to ensure the BEST performance on this computer?

- A. Windows 7
- B. Windows 8
- C. Windows 8.1
- D. Windows 10

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 7

A user is trying to install a very large .dmg file on a Windows computer but is receiving an error message. Which of the following is causing the error?

- A. Small hard drive
- B. Insufficient RAM
- C. OS compatibility
- D. Folder permissions

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 8

Which of the following must be enabled to configure 20 new machines to be booted over a network?

- A. Multi-boot
- B. Dynamic
- C. PXE
- D. GPT

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 9

During the firmware upgrade of a web server, a power outage occurred. The outage caused a failure within the upgrade. Which of the following plans must be implemented to revert back to the most recent version of the firmware?

- A. Backout plan
- B. Contingency plan
- C. Alternative plan
- D. Backup plan

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 10

An office manager emails a technical support contractor about a new desktop for one of the workers. The office manager provides a specific configuration for the desktop. The technician notes the request will require the purchase of a new system. New system purchases are not in the scope of the support agreement. Which of the following should the technician do NEXT?

- A. Create a risk analysis report for review
- B. Submit a change order for approval
- C. Insist the worker accepts the standard desktop
- D. Document the request and place the order

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 10

A small office's wireless network was compromised recently by an attacker who brute forced a PIN to gain access. The attacker then modified the DNS settings on the router and spread malware to the entire network.

Which of the following configurations MOST likely allowed the attack to take place? (Select two.)

- A. Guest network
- B. TKIP
- C. Default login
- D. Outdated firmware
- E. WPS
- F. WEP

Answer: CF

NEW QUESTION 11

Which of the following user types should be used in a Windows environment to grant Internet access without allowing the permanent storage of files on the system?

- A. Local Administrator
- B. Standard User
- C. Power User
- D. Guest User

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 12

A small business has an open wireless network so vendors can connect to the network without logging in. The business owners are concerned that a nearby company is connecting and using the wireless connection without permission. If the small business requires that the network remain open, which of the following configuration settings should be changed to address these concerns?

- A. Default SSID
- B. MAC filtering
- C. Power levels
- D. Content filtering
- E. Firewall

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 16

Which of the following security methods BEST describes when a user enters a username and password once for multiple applications?

- A. SSO
- B. Permission propagation
- C. Inheritance
- D. MFA

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 19

Which of the following steps should a technician take FIRST to prevent an electrical hazard when repairing a PC?

- A. Put on an ESD strap.
- B. Place components on an ESD mat
- C. Disconnect the power before servicing the PC
- D. Place the PC on a grounded work bench

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 20

A desktop technician is attempting to upgrade several machines to Windows 10. After releasing there is only one disc for the installation, the technician decides to upgrade over the network. Which of the following boot methods initiates such an upgrade?

- A. SSD
- B. Optical drive
- C. Flash drive
- D. PXE

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 23

Ann, a user, is attempting to log in to her email service from a third-party email client on her phone. When Ann enters her usual username and password, she receives an error message saying the credentials are invalid.

Ann then decides to reset her email password, but after the reset, the new credentials still do not work in the third-party email client.

Which of the following settings or features is responsible for the problems Ann is experiencing?

- A. Full device encryption
- B. Account lock
- C. Multifactor authentication
- D. Strong password requirements

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 26

Ann, a customer, calls a technician and states that she is very concerned about the privacy of her home computer and the security of her home network while browsing the Internet. Which of the following would the technician MOST likely discuss with Ann to educate her on security concepts addressing her concerns? (Choose two.)

- A. Firewall
- B. Antivirus
- C. Email filtering
- D. ACLs
- E. VPN

Answer: AE

NEW QUESTION 31

A user reports malware activity on an isolated workstation used for testing. It is running an end-of-life OS, and a USB drive is the only method used to transfer files. After removing the malware and replacing the USB drive with a brand new one, the technician gives the approval to use the equipment. The next day the user reports the same malware activity is present after powering on the system. Which of the following did the technician forget to do to prevent reinfection?

- A. Connect to the network and update the OS with the latest security patches
- B. Scan and decontaminate the USB device used to transfer data from the equipment
- C. Disable System Restore and remove all restore points from the system
- D. Update the local antivirus and set it to scan automatically every evening

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 32

An employee reported that a suspicious individual was looking through the recycle bin. Which of the following types of social engineering threats is this?

- A. Phishing
- B. Spear phishing
- C. Dumpster diving
- D. Impersonation

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 36

A technician is recycling PCs to be reused by a middle school. Which of the following methods is MOST appropriate for ensuring data has been removed from the PCs?

- A. Standard formatting
- B. HD drilling
- C. Low-level formatting
- D. HD partitioning

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 37

After a virus has been spread unknowingly via USB removable hard drives, a technician is tasked with limiting removable hard drive access to certain network users. USB ports are used for many devices, including scanners, printers, and signature pads, so a policy is created to deny access to removable hard drives only. When testing the policy, a removable drive is plugged in but can still be accessed. Which of the following command-line tools should the technician use to apply the new policy?

- A. grupdate
- B. diskpart
- C. gpresult
- D. net use

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 39

A user's smartphone is experiencing limited bandwidth when at home. The user reports to a technician that the device functions properly when at work or in the car. Which of the following troubleshooting steps should the technician take NEXT?

- A. Reset the device's network settings
- B. Check the data usage statistics on the device
- C. Verify the SSID with which the device is associated
- D. Run any pending application or OS updates

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 44

A technician is working at a help-desk form and receives a call from a user who has experienced repeated BSODs. The technician is scheduled to take a break just after the call comes in. Which of the following is the BEST choice for the technician to make?

- A. Politely ask the user to call back
- B. Ask another technician to take the call
- C. Troubleshoot the issue for the user
- D. Input the issue as a ticket and escalate to Tier 2
- E. Put the user on hold and troubleshoot after the scheduled break

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 46

A network administrator needs to be able to securely connect to a local router from within the office. Which of the following protocols should the administrator ensure is enabled on the router?

- A. RDP
- B. SSH
- C. TFTP
- D. HTTP

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 48

A user's computer is suspected of hosting illegal files. The IT department has removed the computer and placed it in a secured, cypher-locked room, where it will remain until the local authorities arrive. Which of the following actions should the IT department perform NEXT?

- A. Preserve data integrity
- B. Identify violations of acceptable use
- C. Collect evidence of illegal activity
- D. Report through proper channels

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 52

A company brings in contractors several times a year to perform inventory, and the contractors use company supplied laptops. The company's security policy states that once the inventory is completed, the contractors should not be able to log in to the laptops until the next inventory. Which of the following BEST enforces this policy?

- A. Delete the user accounts
- B. Disable the user accounts
- C. Restrict the user accounts
- D. Reset the user accounts

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 53

Which of the following would a technician use to store memory chips from a laptop safely after an upgrade?

- A. Mylar bags
- B. Cardboard boxes
- C. Antistatic containers
- D. Paper envelopes

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 54

A small business has an open WiFi network for employees but does not want customers to connect to the access point. A technician has been dispatched to address the business's concerns. Which of the following configuration settings should the technician change to satisfy the requirements of the business? (Select two.)

- A. Default SSID
- B. MAC filtering
- C. NAT
- D. QoS
- E. Signal strength
- F. Encryption

Answer: BE

NEW QUESTION 59

A technician has installed a second monitor for a customer, but the desktop font sizes do not match. Which of the following display settings should be technician adjust to correct this issue?

- A. Resolution
- B. Refresh rate
- C. Extended monitor
- D. Color depth

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 61

Users notify the help desk of an email that was just received. The email came from the help desk's email address and asked the users to click on an embedded link. This email is BEST described as:

- A. phishing.
- B. zombie.
- C. whaling.
- D. spoofing.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 63

When a user browses to a favorite website on a Windows laptop, a different website opens. A technician installs an additional web browser, but it also opens to the same unfamiliar site. The technician resets the web browser settings back to default, but the issue persists. Which of the following troubleshooting steps should the technician complete NEXT?

- A. Change the browser's home page
- B. Check the Windows host file
- C. Update the default web browser
- D. Restore Windows to a previous date

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 68

A user calls a technician to report issues when logging in to a vendor's website. The technician is able to log in successfully before going to the office. However, the technician is unable to log in when in the user's office. The user also informs the technician of strange pop-up notifications. Which of the following are the MOST likely causes of these issues? (Select TWO).

- A. System files have been deleted
- B. Proxy settings are configured improperly
- C. The OS has been updated recently.
- D. There are disabled services on the vendor website.
- E. Program file permissions have changed recently.
- F. There is a rogue anti-malware program.

Answer: DF

NEW QUESTION 73

Joe, a user, calls the help desk from a coffee shop while on a business trip to report the WiFi hotspot on his phone is extremely slow. The technician runs a speed test from a laptop connected to the hotspot and gets 200Kbps. Ann, Joe's coworker with whom he is travelling, also has a hotspot on her phone, and the speed test result on that hotspot is 15Mbps. The technician checks the hotspot settings on Joe's phone and sees the following:

Which of the following is the MOST likely cause of the problem?

- A. Joe should be using WEP security on his hotspot for faster throughput
- B. Someone else is using Joe's hotspot due to weak password
- C. Joe's hotspot gave him an invalid IP address
- D. Joe is likely in a poor signal area and should try another area

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 74

A technician needs to connect to a network switch in a remote location. The technician wants to make sure the data passed over the wire is encrypted so it cannot be read by someone using a sniffer. Which of the following connection protocols should the technician use?

- A. Telnet
- B. SSH
- C. SMB
- D. HTTP
- E. SFTP

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 77

A technician has just finished installing a secondary OS on a workstation. After rebooting the computer, the technician receives the following error: No OS found. The technician confirms the boot.ini file is correct.

Which of the following is MOST likely causing this error?

- A. The computer has GRUB Legacy installed
- B. Windows Startup services are not running
- C. An incompatible partition is marked as active
- D. An unsupported version of Windows is installed

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 79

A technician has been asked to recommend antivirus software for a home PC, but the user does not want to pay for a license. Which of the following license type should the technician recommend?

- A. Open license
- B. Personal license
- C. Corporate license
- D. Enterprise license

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 80

A technician must remove data from the human resources computers. The technician plans to reuse the drives in the computers. Which of the following data destruction methods should the technician perform to ensure the data is removed completely?

- A. Degaussing
- B. Standard format
- C. Overwrite
- D. Low-level format

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 81

Which of the following NTFS security settings overrides all other settings?

- A. Deny
- B. Modify
- C. Read
- D. Write

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 82

A network administrator has given a technician documentation detailing the switchports the technician will need to patch in for a network upgrade. Which of the following documents did the network administrator MOST likely give to the technician?

- A. Process diagram
- B. Physical network diagram
- C. Fiber backbone diagram
- D. Logical topology diagram

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 84

A user contacts a technician to troubleshoot server errors. The user explains that some files will not open on the server, the data backups are operational, and the weather has been bad. The technician notices missing time slots in the event log.

Which of the following should the technician replace to prevent these issues in the future?

- A. System memory
- B. Surge protector
- C. Hard drives
- D. Battery backup

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 87

Which of the following built-in accounts was removed in Windows 10?

- A. Power User
- B. Administrator
- C. Guest
- D. Standard User

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 92

Joe, an end user, just changed his network password. A pop-up box appears a few minutes later, prompting him to enter his password. Joe enters his new network password and is able to continue working. A few minutes later, the same pop-up box appears again, asking him to enter his network password. Which of the following Control Panel utilities can Joe use to help with this situation?

- A. Credential Manager
- B. Network and Sharing Center
- C. Security and Maintenance
- D. Troubleshooting

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 97

An end user is browsing the Internet when multiple browser pages open by themselves. The user notices the PC is running slowly, even while not browsing the internet. Which of the following actions should the user take?

- A. Update antivirus definitions
- B. Install anti-malware software
- C. Enable the pop-up blocker
- D. Reboot the PC

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 98

A technician repaired a laptop for a customer. The customer then complained the repair took too long and questioned the steps the technician took to fix the problem. Which of the following should the technician do NEXT?

- A. Provide documentation of the repair to the customer
- B. Allow the customer to voice concerns and post the story to social media later
- C. Inform the customer the job is done and return to the office
- D. Defend each step and why it was necessary

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 101

A technician accessed a network share from a computer joined to workgroup. The technician logged in as “user1” and directed the computer to save the username and password. Several weeks later, the technician wants to log in to this network share using the administrator account. The computer does not prompt for a username and password, but it automatically logs in to the network share under the “user1” account. Which of the following would allow the technician to log in using the “administrator” username?

- A. Use the command: net use Z: \\fileserver\share
- B. Go to the Sync Center and disable the offline files feature.
- C. Delete the “user” account for the network share in Credential Manager.
- D. Join the computer and file server to a domain and delegate administrator rights to “user1”.
- E. Use the Advanced Sharing options in the Network and Sharing Center and enable “turn on network discovery”.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 102

A technician is PXE booting a computer. Which of the following is the technician MOST likely performing on the computer?

- A. Image deployment
- B. Multiboot configuration
- C. In-place upgrade
- D. System repair

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 106

A technician recently installed a new secondary hard drive in a Windows 10 desktop. After the installation, the computer displayed the following error message: No Operating System Found. However, after unplugging the new hard drive, the error message no longer appeared. The technician then reconnected the new drive to continue troubleshooting. Which of the following steps should the technician take NEXT?

- A. Reboot into safe mode
- B. Check the boot order
- C. Format the drive
- D. Perform Windows Recovery
- E. Run the chkdsk command

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 111

A technician is investigating the cause of a Windows 7 PC running very slow. While reviewing Task Manager, the technician finds one process is using more than 90% of the CPU. Outbound network traffic on port 25 is very high, while Inbound network traffic is low. Which of the following tasks should be done FIRST?

- A. Disconnect the network cable.
- B. Update the antivirus software.
- C. Run an antivirus scan.
- D. Shut down the PC

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 116

A customer is presuming manager to get things done on time. Which of the following has the project failed to do this case?

- A. Follow up with the customer after project completion
- B. Mention a positive attitude during the project
- C. Disclose project expenses on social media
- D. Communicate with the customer clearly

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 118

Which of the following is the MOST secure wireless security protocol?

- A. AES
- B. WPA
- C. WPA2
- D. WEP

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 121

A technician received 300 old desktops following a recent computer upgrade. After taking inventory of the old machines, the technician must destroy the data on the HDDs. Which of the following would be the MOST effective method to accomplish this task?

- A. Drill
- B. Hammer
- C. Low-level format
- D. Degaussing

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 125

A technician receives a phone call regarding ransomware that has been detected on a PC in a remote office. Which of the following steps should the technician take FIRST?

- A. Disconnect the PC from the network
- B. Perform an antivirus scan
- C. Run a backup and restore
- D. Educate the end user

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 127

A technician has set up a new computer for a customer and needs to add a login with administrative privileges. Which of the following tools should the technician use?

- A. Component Services
- B. System Configuration
- C. Security Policy
- D. Local Users and Groups

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 128

A systems administrator has discovered a folder on the server with numerous inappropriate pictures and videos, which is in violation of the company's AUP. Which of the following would be the NEXT appropriate act?

- A. Promptly notify the administrator's immediate supervisor
- B. Rename the folder on the server, and notify the information security officer
- C. Move the folder to another location on the server, and notify the local authorities
- D. Ask the owner to move the files from the server to a local computer

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 132

Ann, an external user, has received several calls from a company asking why she has been sending the company communications with internal users' names in the "from" field. Ann calls a technician and explains she has not been sending any communications and would like this issue fixed. The technician investigates and determines the PC is not infected with any viruses or malware. Which of the following should the technician check NEXT?

- A. Hijacked email
- B. DNS entries
- C. Hosts file
- D. POP3 errors

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 134

Joe, a customer, calls a technician to report a remote computer is demonstrating erratic behavior while he is working on it. The technician verifies the files and directories. Joe is working on locally cannot be opened in any application, and the computer is running extremely slow. Which of the following is the MOST likely cause of this issue?

- A. Files disappearing
- B. File permission changes
- C. Application crash
- D. Too many startup items

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 137

A MAC user's operating system became corrupted, and files were deleted after malware was downloaded. The user needs to access the data that was previously stored on the MAC. Which of the following built-in utilities should be used?

- A. Time Machine

- B. Snapshot
- C. System Restore
- D. Boot Camp

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 140

A technician is setting up a SOHO wireless network for a healthcare office that does not have a server. The user requires the highest level of wireless security and various levels of desktop authentication to access cloud resources.

Which of the following protocols and authentication methods should the technician implement? (Select two.)

- A. WPA
- B. WPA2
- C. WEP
- D. TKIP
- E. RADIUS
- F. Multifactor
- G. TACACS
- H. SSO

Answer: BF

NEW QUESTION 145

A technician needs to edit a protected .dll file but cannot find the file in the System32 directory. Which of the following Control Panel utilities should the technician use?

- A. System
- B. Display
- C. Folder Options
- D. Indexing Options

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 149

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